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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council for its substantive session of 2013 has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items considered by the Council at its organizational session for 2013 held on 15 February 2013 (Council decision 2013/205).

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2013

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(c) Statistics;

(d) Human settlements;

(e) Environment;

(f) Population and development;

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(h) International cooperation in tax matters;

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests;

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions;

(k) Cartography;

(l) Women and development;

(m) Transport of dangerous goods.

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(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Social development;

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(d) Narcotic drugs;

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(g) Human rights;

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2013, the Council took note of the provisional agenda for its substantive session (Council decision 2013/205).

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2013 (E/2013/100)

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2013

Status of documentation for the substantive session of 2013

A. High-level segment

2. High-level segment

(a) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 61/16, the Council will hold a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy during its high-level segment.

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2013: Post-2015 development strategies (E/2013/50) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

World Economic Situation and Prospects, 2013 and mid-2013 update (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1990/52)

(b) Annual ministerial review

Theme: "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals"

Pursuant to paragraph 155 of General Assembly resolution 60/1 entitled "2005 World Summit Outcome", and paragraph 10 of Assembly resolution 61/16, on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the annual ministerial review (Council decision 2011/208). The report will incorporate inputs from a number of relevant United Nations entities and will also provide policy recommendations for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (E/2013/54)

Note by the Secretariat on science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (E/2013/47) (Council resolution 2008/29)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifteenth session (18-22 March 2013) (E/2013/33) (Council resolution 1998/46)

(c) Thematic discussion

Theme: "The contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda as a principal body for policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and for the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals"

Pursuant to paragraphs 155 and 156 of General Assembly resolution 60/1 entitled "2005 World Summit Outcome", the Assembly, in its resolution 61/16, decided that

the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from the economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

In accordance with Council decision 2012/263, the theme for the thematic discussion at its substantive session of 2013 will be "The contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda as a principal body for policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and for the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda as a principal body for policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and for the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2013/15 and relevant addenda) (Council decision 2004/323)

B. Operational activities segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/226, requested the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the context of his annual report on the funding of operational activities for development, including options for incentive mechanisms for increasing core resources, to be applied at a system-wide level.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the members of the United Nations development system, and based on the recent review of existing funding modalities in support of the resident coordinator system called for in Council resolution 2011/7, to submit, for the consideration of the Council and the General Assembly in 2013, concrete proposals on the modalities for the funding of the resident coordinator system in order to ensure that resident coordinators have the necessary stable and predictable resources to fulfil their mandate effectively, without compromising resources allocated to programmatic activities, with due regard for the principle of fairness, which should reflect the direct involvement of each agency, based on the proportion of services used.

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to regularly assess and report, on a comprehensive and quantitative basis, on progress in furthering programme and operational coordination at the country level in order to inform annual reporting to the Council on the functioning of the resident coordinator system.

Also in resolution 67/226, the General Assembly requested the United Nations development system to identify and address challenges and bottlenecks, in particular at the headquarters level, which have prevented United Nations country teams in "Delivering as one" countries from fully realizing the efficiency gains under the "Delivering as one" approach and to report thereon as part of the annual reporting on the implementation of the resolution for the consideration of the Council and the Assembly. It also requested the United Nations system to build on the best practices and lessons learned in implementing "Delivering as one" by a number of countries and to further consolidate the process by clearly outlining the core elements of each of the "ones", based on lessons learned, including by formulating standard operational procedures as guidelines for the successful work of the United Nations country teams in "Delivering as one" countries, as well as for other countries that consider joining "Delivering as one", and to report on the process and standard operating procedures to the Council during its operational activities segment. In that regard, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to come up with proposals for the consideration of Member States, to include in his annual report options for the review and approval of the common country programme documents of the "Delivering as one" countries and to make appropriate recommendations for the consideration of the Council and the Assembly by 2013.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to articulate and report to the Council at its operational activities segment in 2013, with a view to the implementation, by 2014, of a more robust, coherent and harmonized approach to operational activities for development, focused on results, which would streamline and improve the planning, monitoring, measurement and reporting on system-wide results, and in that regard invited the executive boards of the funds and programmes and the governing bodies of the specialized agencies and other relevant United Nations entities to engage in a focused dialogue on how to balance most effectively the need for reporting on system-wide results at all levels with the current agency-specific reporting requirements, taking into account the challenges in developing results frameworks that demonstrate the United Nations contribution to national development results.

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to establish an interim coordination mechanism for system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development of the United Nations system composed of the Joint Inspection Unit, the United Nations Evaluation Group, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and to develop, through the interim coordination mechanism, a policy for independent system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including submitting a proposal for pilot system-wide evaluations, for discussion at the operational activities segment of the Council in 2013.

Also in resolution 67/226, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, on the basis of information provided by the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations development system, to submit to the Council, at its substantive sessions of 2013, 2014 and 2015, analytical reports on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to the present resolution on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, with a view to ensuring its full implementation.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2011

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 62/208, 64/289 and 65/176, and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 2011/5).

The Council requested the funds and programmes, through their executive boards, to include in their annual reports to the Council: (a) a section outlining measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the quadrennial policy review of operational activities; and (b) a section on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme of the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 50/8 and 62/208, and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 2011/5).

The reports include a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from the implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General, the comprehensive policy review and the follow-up to international conferences, so as to allow the Council to fulfil its coordinating role (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 53/192, 62/208, 63/232 and 64/289, and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 2011/5).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2012 (E/2012/35)

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Directors of the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services (E/2013/5)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular, annual and second regular sessions of 2013 (E/2013/34 (Part I); E/2013/34 (Part I)/Add.1; E/2013/34 (Part II); and E/2013/34/Rev.1)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Council (E/2013/6)

Annual report of the World Food Programme for 2012 (E/2013/14)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on the first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2012 (E/2013/36)

Annual report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Operational activities of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (E/2013/48)

(c) South-South cooperation for development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220, the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will meet once every two years in odd-numbered years and report to the Assembly through the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the Council.

The High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, in its decision 17/2, decided that the eighteenth session of the Committee would be held in 2014. The Council will therefore consider the report of the eighteenth session of the Committee at the 2014 session of the Council.

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

C. Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Council, in paragraph 10 of its resolution 2008/29, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on measures taken to implement the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Council for consideration by the Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of the following year.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In its resolution 2012/31, the Council stressed the need to further improve the dialogue between Member States and representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development during the special high-level meeting of the Council, as part of a forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue, and requested the President of the Council to seek a more interactive, dynamic and substantive discussion on key issues related to the financing for development framework. It also welcomed the

efforts undertaken to give more prominence to the consideration of the agenda item on financing for development during the annual substantive session of the Council, including the allocation of the item to its coordination segment.

In the same resolution, the Council also recalled paragraphs 255 to 257 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and in that regard, stressed the need to reinforce coherence and coordination and to avoid duplication of efforts with regard to the financing for development follow-up process.

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (22 April 2013) (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187, 65/145 and 66/191, and Council resolutions 2009/30, 2010/26, 2011/38 and 2012/31)

10. Regional cooperation

In its resolution 2004/323, the Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 57/270 B and Council resolution 1998/46, decided to hold a dialogue with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions immediately after the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Council.

The Council, in its decision 2013/211, decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation at its substantive session of 2013 would be "Regional perspectives on the post-2015 development agenda".

The Council will also consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein that statutorily require its approval (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2013/15 and addenda)

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/87, and the Council, in its resolution 2012/3, requested the Emergency Relief Coordinator to continue her efforts to strengthen the coordination and accountability of humanitarian assistance and leadership within the United Nations humanitarian response system and called upon relevant United Nations organizations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, as well as other humanitarian and development actors, to continue to work with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enhance the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian assistance.

The General Assembly and the Council also requested the Secretary-General to continue strengthening the support provided to United Nations resident/humanitarian coordinators and to United Nations country teams, including by providing necessary training, identifying resources and improving the identification of and the selection process for United Nations resident/humanitarian coordinators, and enhancing their performance accountability, and to report on actions taken to enable the United Nations to continue to strengthen its ability to recruit and deploy staff quickly and flexibly, to procure emergency relief materials and services rapidly, cost-effectively and locally, where applicable, and to quickly disburse funds in order to support Governments and United Nations country teams in the coordination of international humanitarian assistance.

At its resumed organizational session for 2013, the Council decided that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment for its substantive session of 2013 would be "The future of humanitarian affairs: towards greater inclusiveness, coordination, interoperability and effectiveness" (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decisions 1999/208 and 2013/212).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

E. General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/288, requested the Secretary-General to report, through the Council, on the progress made in further mainstreaming the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system.

The Council, in its resolution 2012/30, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, within the framework of the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution 61/16, a report containing proposals for strengthening the Council, including its working methods, so that it can effectively fulfil its functions, and giving special attention to the integrated and coordinated implementation of, and the regular and substantive follow-up to, the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, to be prepared in consultation with Member States and taking into account the contributions of the functional and regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council, as appropriate.

In its decision 2011/217, the Council invited the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security to transmit to the Council annually, starting in 2012, a report on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition, in accordance with its new roles and vision.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the further mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (A/67/736-E/2013/7)

Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

See under the coordination segment.

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

At its sixty-seventh session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/221, requested the Committee for Development Policy to monitor the development progress of graduated countries, in consultation with the Governments of those countries, on a yearly basis for a period of three years after graduation becomes effective, and triennially thereafter, as a complement to two triennial reviews of the list of least developed countries, and to include its findings in its annual report to the Council.

At its substantive session of 2012, the Council, in its resolution 2012/26, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its substantive session of 2013 a progress report on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifteenth session (18-22 March 2013) (E/2013/33)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2012/2013 (Council decision 2001/321).

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-third session (3-28 June 2013) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX)).

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012/13

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-third session (A/68/16)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (General Assembly resolution 58/269 and Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (see relevant fascicles of A/68/6)

(c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/137, requested the Secretary-General to continue to report annually on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation.

At its substantive session of 2012, the Council, in its resolution 2012/24, requested the Secretary-General to submit, at its substantive session of 2013, a report on the implementation of the resolution, including the promotion of accountability and progress made in the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 2012, the Council, in its resolution 2012/21, decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Council in 2013, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building on the Strategic Development Plan for Haiti and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms.

The Council, in the same resolution, requested the Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 2013.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(e) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its resolution 2011/19, requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, in collaboration with its co-sponsors and other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, on progress made in implementing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

(f) African countries emerging from conflict

At its substantive session of 2012, the Council, in its decision 2012/250, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan (E/2012/76) and requested that another report on the subject be submitted for the Council's consideration at its substantive session of 2013.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan

(g) Tobacco or health

At its substantive session of 2012, the Council, in its resolution 2012/4, requested the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to convene annual meetings of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control.

In the same resolution, the Council also requested the Secretary-General to include in his report to the Council at its substantive session of 2013 options to effectively monitor the work of the Task Force and the integration of implementation efforts in respect of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control within the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, where appropriate, in order to promote coordinated and complementary work among funds, programmes and specialized agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control

(h) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Council will be required to approve its calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2014 and 2015 (Council decisions 52 (LVII) and 1988/103).

In its resolution 66/233 on pattern of conferences, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to propose, at its sixty-seventh session, a comprehensive review of conference servicing highlighting any duplications and redundancies.

Pursuant to Assembly resolution 66/233, the Secretary-General, in paragraph 13 of his report on the pattern of conferences (A/67/127 and Corr.1), indicated that the Secretariat had reviewed the process of preparing the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings, which incorporates the provisional biennial calendar of meetings in the economic, social and related fields. He further indicated that the biennial calendar contained almost two thirds of the meetings listed in the provisional biennial calendar and that the time and effort to prepare, translate and issue two almost identical calendars so close to each other might be considered a duplication and redundant.

In paragraph 15 of his report, the Secretary-General therefore recommended that the General Assembly might wish to invite the Council to reconsider the necessity of reviewing its provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields.

Subsequently, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences, the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/237, concurred with the observations in paragraph 13 of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences regarding the biennial calendar of meetings of the Council.

In addition, as indicated in paragraph 23 of the report of the Committee on Conferences (A/67/32), held in September 2012, most delegations had expressed the view that the issue should initially be brought to the attention of the Bureau of the Council, through its secretariat, and then to the Council as a whole.

Therefore, it was suggested that the Council might then wish to review paragraph (b) of its decision 281 (LXIII), on the need for a biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields, in the context of the mandate set out by the Assembly in section II, paragraph 16, of its resolution 66/233.

Documentation

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2014 and 2015 in the economic, social and related fields

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

The Council, in its resolution 2012/30, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, within the framework of the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution 61/16, a report containing proposals for strengthening the Council, including its working methods, so that it can effectively fulfil its functions, and giving special attention to the integrated and coordinated implementation of, and the regular and substantive follow-up to, the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic,

social, environmental and related fields, to be prepared in consultation with Member States and taking into account the contributions of the functional and regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council, as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (A/67/736-E/2013/7)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its sixty-seventh session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/127, and the Council, in its resolution 2012/22, requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories, and also requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate appropriate programmes of assistance for the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories.

In the same resolutions, the General Assembly and the Council respectively requested the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact with each other on those matters. In addition, the Council requested the President to report to it thereon and requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2013.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/68/62)

Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (E/2013/55)

10. Regional cooperation

The Council, in its decision 2013/211, decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation at its substantive session of 2013 would be "Regional perspectives on the post-2015 development agenda".

The Council, at its coordination segment, will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations contained therein that statutorily require its approval.

The Council, at its general segment, will have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

The Council, in its resolution 2011/12, requested the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to continue to take an active part in the follow-up to the project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2013 on the progress made on the project studies.

Documentation

The economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States (E/2013/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2013 (E/2013/17)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2013* (E/2013/18)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook (E/2013/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region (E/2013/20)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/2013/21)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

At its substantive session of 2012, the Council, in paragraph 16 of its resolution 2012/23, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304, the Council will consider the reports of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its regular (21-30 January and 8 February 2013) and resumed (20-29 May and 7 June 2013) sessions. The dates of and provisional agenda for the 2013 sessions of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/226.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2013 regular session (E/2013/32 (Part I))

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2013 session (E/2013/32 (Part II))

13. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its twentieth session (6-17 May 2013) (Council decision 1993/207). The provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2011/243. However, following informal consultations convened by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations on behalf of the Chair of the twentieth session of the Commission, it was decided to postpone the twentieth session of the Commission to a later date, the timing, agenda and duration of which would be the subject of further consultations. The Council will therefore consider the report of the twentieth session of the Commission at a later session.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifteenth session (18-22 March 2013) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its twentieth session (E/2013/29)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifteenth session (E/2013/33)

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixteenth session (Geneva, 3-7 June 2013) (General Assembly resolutions 46/235 and 56/182). The provisional agenda and

documentation for the sixteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/228.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/195, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Council, a report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the resolution, including on activities of the United Nations system, in particular relevant specialized agencies, related to the overall ten-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society, as part of his annual reporting on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit at the regional and international levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixteenth session (E/2013/31)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels

(c) Statistics

The Council will have before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session (26 February-1 March 2013) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)). The provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fourth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/230.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session (E/2013/24)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-fourth session (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 56/206 and Council resolution 1978/1).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2012/27).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-fourth session (A/68/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

(e) Environment

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets in regular

sessions every two years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolution 53/242).

The Council will therefore have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-seventh session (Nairobi, 18-22 February 2013).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-seventh session (A/68/25)

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-sixth session (22-26 April 2013) (General Assembly resolution 49/128). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-sixth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/234.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-sixth session (E/2013/25)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its twelfth session (15-19 April 2013) (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60). The venue and dates of and provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/252.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its twelfth session (E/2013/44)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Pursuant to its resolution 2012/33, the Council will hold, on 29 May 2013, a one-day meeting to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on further progress achieved in strengthening the work of the Committee and its cooperation with concerned multilateral bodies and relevant regional and subregional organizations.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its eighth session (Geneva, 15-19 October 2012) (Council resolution 2004/69). The venue and dates of and provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/255.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its eighth session (E/2012/45)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its tenth session (Istanbul, 8-19 April 2013) (Council resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49). The dates, venue and the provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decisions 2011/249 and 2011/250.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its tenth session (E/2013/42)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

At its substantive session of 2000, the Council, in its resolution 2000/32, reaffirmed the important role of the General Assembly, the Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring, as appropriate, the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council and, as appropriate, in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States. The Council further decided to continue consideration of the question, under the item entitled "Economic and environmental questions", taking into account the relevant decisions of the Assembly and the Security Council (see also General Assembly resolution 59/45).

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(k) Cartography

The Council will have before it the report of the Nineteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 29 October-1 November 2012) (Council decision 2011/276).

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council decided to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to its resolution 2011/24. The Council will therefore consider, at its 2013 session, the report of the third session of the Committee. The Council, in its decision 2012/259, approved the provisional agenda and dates for the third session of the Committee (Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 24-26 July 2013).

The Council will also consider, at its 2013 session, the report of the Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)). The Council, in its decision 2012/261, approved

the dates and venue for the tenth session of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (19-23 August 2013).

Documentation

Report of the Nineteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.102/8)

Report of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on the work of its third session

Report of the tenth session of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

(l) Women and development

The Council will have before it relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session (4-15 March 2013) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session (E/2013/27)

(m) Transport of dangerous goods

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, including recommendations of the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods and on the Globally Harmonized System (Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and 2011/25).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (E/2013/51)

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session (4-15 March 2013) (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1987/22 and 1996/6). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2012/249.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session (E/2013/27)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the 2012 sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-first session (6-15 February 2013) (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/236.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/126, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Council, on the implementation and description of the state of preparation for the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-first session (E/2013/26)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 (A/68/61-E/2013/3)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-first session (Vienna, 6-7 December 2012) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-second session (Vienna, 22-26 April 2013) (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1993/242). The provisional agenda for the twenty-second session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2012/238.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-first session (E/2012/30/Add.1)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-second session (E/2013/30)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-fifth session (Vienna, 6-7 December 2012) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-sixth session (Vienna, 11-15 March 2013) (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39). The provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2012/241.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2012. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2012.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-fifth session (E/2012/28/Add.1)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-sixth session (E/2013/28)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2012 (E/INCB/2012/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In its resolution 58/153, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), should continue the existing practice of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly.

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

In its resolution 62/220, the General Assembly decided that the Assembly, through its role in policy formulation, the Council, through its role in overall guidance and coordination, in accordance with their respective roles under the Charter of the United Nations and Assembly resolution 50/227, and the Human Rights Council should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental process for the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. In the same resolution, the Assembly reaffirmed that the Human Rights Council should continue to have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action within the United Nations system and in advising the Assembly thereon.

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2012 sessions (Geneva, 30 April-18 May and 12-30 November 2012) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141).

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex). Under article 39 of the Convention, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities shall report every two years to the General Assembly and to the Council on its activities, and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2012 sessions (E/2013/22)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its 2011 and 2012 sessions (A/68/55)

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session (20-31 May 2013) (Council resolution 2000/22). The venue and dates of as well as the provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decisions 2012/244 and 2012/245.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session (E/2013/43)

15. United Nations research and training institutes

The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/214, decided that the biennial reports on the activities of the United Nations System Staff College would be submitted to the Council rather than to the Assembly.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/216, decided that the report of the Council of the United Nations University and other reports on the work of the University should be submitted biennially to the Council, rather than to the Assembly for its consideration, beginning in 2009.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/210, decided to streamline the reporting arrangements of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research through consolidation of the reports of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute and submission of the new consolidated report of the Secretary-General to the Council, rather than to the Assembly, on a biennial basis, starting from 2009 (see also Council resolution 2011/11).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System Staff College

Report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research